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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is in reply to the restriction requirement mailed on April 30, 2007, in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the restriction requirement expired on May 31, 2007. Applicants hereby requests a four-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and authorizes the Patent Office to charge the Deposit Account No. identified below. Accordingly, the time for responding to the Office Action now expires on September 30, 2007, which is a Sunday, and this amendment is timely filed on Monday, October 1, 2007.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter in Group IV, Claims 21-31, drawn to a method of genotyping a nucleic acid sample. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the claims not elected in one or more divisional applications.